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This letter is responsive to the Examiner's restriction requirement mailed 17 July 2003, and is timely filed on or before 18 August 2003, as 17 August falls on a Sunday.

This response is made under the revised 37 CFR 1.121, effective from 30 July 2003.

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